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Applicant: Donald R. Peterson et al. § Group Art Unit: 2172
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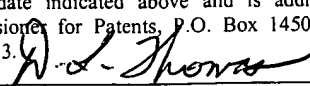
REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 21, 2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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